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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT LEONE OF ITALY

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GIOVANNI LEONE, PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF ITALY FROM PRESIDENT NIXON: QUOTE YOUR MESSAGE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED AS A SYMBOL OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH UNITES OUR TWO PEOPLES. UNQUOTE

2. FYI - TEXT OF INCOMING MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MR PRESIDENT: I HAVE THE HONOUR OF ENCLOSING HERewith A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ITALY, GIOVANNI LEONE, A TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS: ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO EXPRESS THE FEELINGS OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE IN EXTENDING TO YOU THE MOST SINCERE AND CORDIAL WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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I ALSO WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU  
THE MOST EARNEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND  
FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ACTION TOWARDS ACHIEVING  
THE PROGRESS OF NATIONS, A PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN  
THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND AN EVER MORE FRUITFUL CO-  
OPERATION WITH THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF EUROPE.  
GIOVANNI LEONE.

I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY, MR. PRESIDENT, TO RENEW  
THE EXPRESSION OF MY UTMOST ESTEEM. SIGNED EGIDIO ORTONA.  
UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF REPLY,  
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT DOES SO. RUSH

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